

CLAIMS

1. An electrical steel sheet for a low-noise transformer, characterized by having a viscoelastic layer 30  $\mu\text{m}$  or more in thickness on at least one of the surfaces of the steel sheet.

2. An electrical steel sheet for a low-noise transformer, according to claim 1, having an viscoelastic layer whose loss factor has one or more peaks at temperatures within the range from 20 to 200°C.

3. A low-noise transformer formed by using an electrical steel sheet for a low-noise transformer according to claim 1 or 2.

4. A low-noise transformer characterized in that the transformer core formed by laminating  $n$  pieces of electrical steel sheets has viscoelastic layers 30  $\mu\text{m}$  or more in thickness placed at  $m$  gaps among the  $n-1$  gaps of laminated layers,  $m$  satisfying the following formula:

$$3 \leq (n-1)/m \leq 30.$$

5. A low-noise transformer characterized by inserting viscoelastic layers, at random, in a core formed by using an electrical steel sheet for a low-noise transformer according to claim 1 or 2.